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Country Walks in Connecticut
 A Guide to The Nature Conservancy Preserves

Connecticut Chapter



Lord's Cove Preserve in Lyme, Connecticut, one of more than 50 sanctuaries described in *Country Walks in Connecticut: A Guide to The Nature Conservancy Preserves*, by Susan D. Cooley, to be published this month. See back page for details. Photo by George Bellerose.

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A GUIDEBOOK FOR ALL SEASONS

Susan Cooley, Associate Director and Land Steward, has written a guidebook titled *Country Walks in Connecticut: A Guide to The Nature Conservancy Preserves*, co-published by the estimable Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and The Nature Conservancy Connecticut Chapter. Both organizations serve the public in innumerable ways, and the present volume testifies to their common purpose in making land accessible to people who seek to participate meaningfully in the natural environment. The book will be out in time for the holidays and will be available in book stores, from AMC, or through Chapter headquarters. The price is \$6.95 (\$5.95 for members) plus \$1 shipping per copy—see page 4.

The guidebook is the product of many hands. George Bellerose took the photographs and compiled an excellent portfolio for the Chapter. Mapwork is by Nora Hennesy Rolston. The Ensworth Charitable Foundation Trust helped fund the project. Thanks go also to Aetna Life and Casualty Company and to Kennecott Corporation, a subsidiary of The Standard Oil Company, Ohio (SOHIO). Aetna, Kennecott, and SOHIO are Corporate Associates of the Conservancy, and their grants to this project are but further evidence of their increasing commitment to maintaining a diverse and beautiful environment.

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THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AT WORK

	Nationally	In Connecticut
Total projects	2,947	294
Total acres saved	1,881,598	13,434
Members	143,000	5,200
Corporate Associates	382	22



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Country Walks in Connecticut aims to help you explore some of the lesser known backcountries around the state. Susan Cooley has divided the text into two sections. The first covers some of the larger preserves, mostly with established trails. Part two discusses other sanctuaries, many trailless or otherwise difficult of access. Many are available to scientists conducting research and to educators and their students. The Connecticut preserves are lands for all seasons.

The Nature Conservancy, scarcely three decades old, has protected nearly two million acres in this and other countries. *Country Walks in Connecticut* invites you to enjoy this state's generous complement of bogs, heaths, mountain summits and ravines, marshlands, rivers, eagles, osprey, beaver, rare flora, remnant ecosystems, glacial deposits and talus slopes—all manner of things natural. For they are there for the walking, skiing, paddling, viewing.

Come out and experience what you have helped to save.



W. Kent Olson
Executive Director

Correction: In the list of donors to Chapman's Pond in the last *From the Land*, we regretfully omitted the name of Mrs. Douglas H. Thomson as a donor along with her husband who was listed. We wish to express our apologies for the oversight and our renewed appreciation for their generous support.

PAST CHAIRMAN EARNS CONSERVANCY'S HIGHEST AWARD

Peter B. Cooper of Bethany has received The Nature Conservancy's Oak Leaf, the highest tribute paid to volunteers in the 140,000-member organization. Chairman of the Board of Governors Mason Walsh, Jr., and President William D. Blair, Jr., presented the award at TNC's 1982 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. It read: "One of the best known conservationists in Connecticut, Peter B. Cooper served for four years as highly effective and dedicated chairman of the Connecticut Chapter, which under his leadership undertook and completed the ambitious and highly successful Chapman's Pond project, the largest fund raising campaign in the history of the Connecticut Chapter. As an attorney, Mr. Cooper has donated his time to the Conservancy and he represents the Conservancy on Connecticut Governor William O'Neill's Heritage Task Force."

Mr. Cooper was also a principal founder of the Connecticut Land Trust Service Bureau. The Chapter joins in congratulating him for this richly deserved honor.

WHERE DO YOUR DOLLARS GO?

Annual membership dues are divided equally between the Chapter and the national office, with one important exception: a member's *first-year* dues are allocated entirely to the office where those dues were originally sent. The benefits a member receives are identical in either case. The Chapter office will benefit by receiving new memberships, because we can keep 100% toward the Conservancy's program in Connecticut. ACORNS are special members who give \$100 or more annually, in addition to membership dues, to support the Chapter.

Another important distinction is between donations for *operations* and for *projects*. Donations for operations support the administrative work that makes land preservation possible. With each dollar you donate toward operations, we are able to save \$16 worth of land. Donations to projects, on the other hand, are restricted exclusively to the program or project for which they are given (e.g., specific preserves, Student Internship Program, Land Trust Service Bureau, etc.). Non-member donors of \$10 or more to projects automatically become members of the Conservancy for one year.

Most of you recently received an appeal from the Chapter for donations to supplement membership dues. If you have not already done so, we hope you will consider a gift to the Chapter before year's end.



A high-quality aluminum front-end license plate bearing the green and white Nature Conservancy logo is available for \$6.00 (postage included) from the Glastonbury Sub-Chapter, % Joseph Stannard (pictured), 48 Ripley Road, Glastonbury, CT 06033. The sturdy 6" x 12" plate has standard mounting holes and is weatherproof. Proceeds accrue to the Sub-Chapter.

IN SUPPORT OF GOOD FORESTRY

Some TNC friends who are professional foresters observed fairly that TNC literature on Chapman's Pond implied that logging is necessarily a destructive practice. I regret the implication. The literature had meant to convey our concern that the hillsides above Chapman's would be subject to logging practices like those implemented on nearby property and which by all accounts was improperly done.

Good forestry practice, rigorously undertaken, can often improve site quality and enhance the ecological value of certain lands. The State of Connecticut Division of Forestry, the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association, and many private practitioners are hard at work advancing the cause of ecologically sound logging. Their work is an important component of the whole conservation movement, and I apologize for having inadvertently lumped bad forestry and good. — W. Kent Olson, Executive Director

LAND TRUST SERVICE BUREAU

The Land Trust Service Bureau (LTSB), begun in mid-1980 by the Conservancy, will complete its initial project phase next month. Since its inception, the Bureau has published the *Handbook*; helped form five new trusts in Connecticut (bringing the total to 82); organized numerous meetings, workshops and conferences; assisted the Conservancy with the transfer of ten of its preserves to qualified local land trusts; made available low-cost insurance for the trusts through TNC; and worked with numerous trusts to help secure over 2,000 acres of open space throughout the state.

The Land Trust Service Bureau plans to continue beyond 1982, with continued assistance from the Conservancy and other supporters. Says Bureau Director Suzi Wilkins, "We look forward to greater participation from the trusts in 1983, in terms of project direction and financial assistance." The Bureau will revise and reprint its highly successful *Handbook*. Among numerous other activities, the LTSB also plans to hold a major workshop next April.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This is written right after my return from the Conservancy's national annual meeting in Washington, D.C., October 2.

By invitation, Ken Olson and I made a presentation to a committee of the Board of Governors, on Chapman's Pond. We received many fine compliments on this project from national staff members and governors, and I hereby pass along these *kudos* to all our Connecticut members and staff.

Two ideas came away with me from the meeting, which I'd like to share.

First, the Conservancy is now *the only* national organization making a major effort to acquire new critical natural areas. The withdrawal of federal and state governments from such efforts, due to budget constraints, has left us with a real challenge. If we believe that the private sector can meet such a challenge, we are now given a chance to prove it!

The Conservancy has responded with a greatly-expanded national capital budget for land acquisition: \$121 million over the next five years. In Connecticut we are making commensurate increases in our land acquisition and fundraising goals.

The second, related thought is that money is now the only potential limiting factor in the Conservancy's continuing progress. The techniques of land identification, preservation, and stewardship have been refined by the Conservancy into a systematic, repeatable methodology. We have the technology and the skilled people. Now we must look to our members and the philanthropic community to help us with these expanded objectives.

Alexander S. Gardner
Chairman

NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR

After eight years as Director of TNC's Eastern Region, Bradford C. Northrup, Jr., has assumed new responsibilities as Vice President and Director of Administration. He is assigned to TNC headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

Dennis Wolkoff was recently named to head the thirteen-state Eastern Region, headquartered in Boston. Wolkoff was Assistant Professor of business law at Indiana University. He later served TNC as acting Director of the Southeast Region, Development Director there, and Director of the Indiana Field Office.

Connecticut Director Ken Olson said, "The Region is exceptionally fortunate to have been under Brad Northrup's leadership. And we're equally excited about working with Dennis Wolkoff, who is widely regarded as having established, in Indiana, one of the best field offices in the Conservancy."

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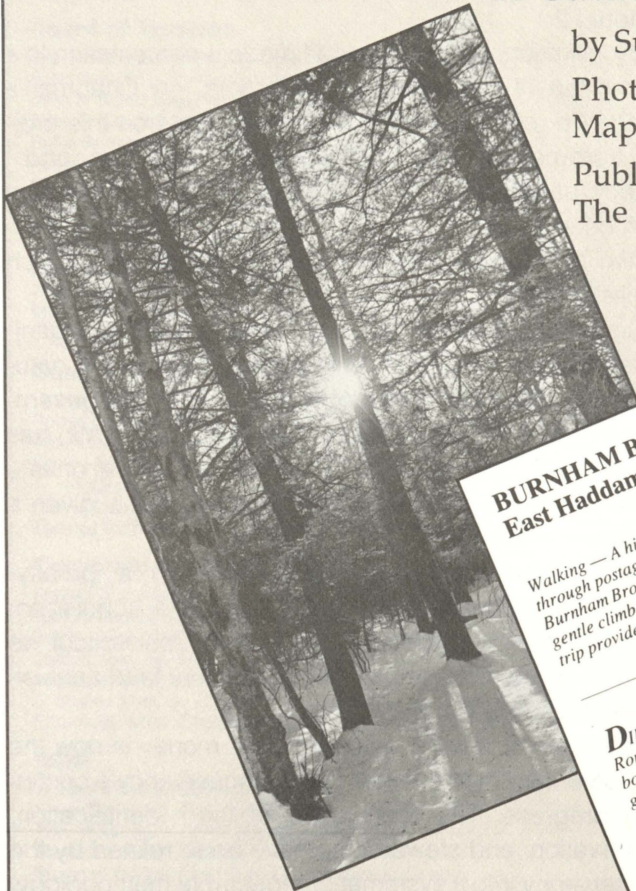
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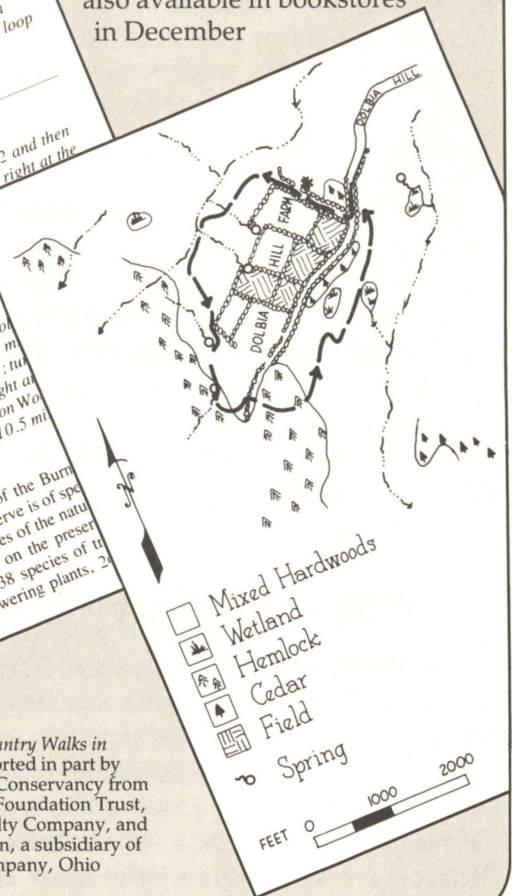
BURNHAM BROOK PRESERVE East Haddam

Walking — A hilly, 1.5-mile walk, with pleasant variation, through postagricultural oak and hickory forests and along Burnham Brook as it flows through a hemlock ravine. It is a gentle climb over a rock slide to the crest of the ridge. The loop trip provides excellent birding.

DIRECTIONS: From the north: Follow Route 2 and then Route 11; exit at Witch Meadow Road and turn right at the bottom of the ramp. Go 0.5 mile to West Hill Road, then go 3 miles up Dolbia Hill Road on the right. From the west: Follow I-95 to Old Lyme, then go 0.5 mile west of the ramp onto Route 156 for 2.5 miles to the bottom of the ramp onto Route 82 for 2.5 miles to its end. Go right on Route 82 for 1 mile. Go left on Dolbia Hill Road 1 mile. The entrance is on the right in 0.5 mile. From the east: Follow I-95 to exit 77; turn right on Route 82 for 2.3 miles. Go right on Woodbridge Road 0.5 mile. Go left on Dolbia Hill Road 0.5 mile.

Encompassing a major part of the Burnham Brook Preserve is of special interest to the researchers. Preliminary studies of the natural good variety in the wildlife on the preserve inventory to date includes 38 species of birds, 184 herbaceous flowering plants, 2 vines, 184 herbaceous flowering plants, 2 vines.

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TURTLE CREEK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

For each of the past thirteen years, Governor and Mrs. Chester Bowles have donated to the Conservancy a portion of their land in Essex and Old Saybrook. In celebration of this year's gift, which completes their contribution of 90 acres of river front, tidal marsh, hemlock and mixed hardwoods, the Trustees of the Connecticut Chapter honored Governor and Mrs. Bowles at a reception October 20th at the Dock and Dine Restaurant at Saybrook Point, overlooking the Connecticut River.

SALMON RIVER EXPEDITION

On October 2, a total of 24 canoes participated in the Conservancy's fourth annual fall canoe trip. Sixty canoeists braved a strong headwind as they headed upstream, exploring the Salmon River from its mouth to the Leesville Dam in Moodus. They observed blue herons, swans, a merganser duck and a stray pair of loons. Stopping for a break at the Leesville Dam and Fishway, Conservancy members learned about the operation of the fishway which assists the salmon as they swim upstream to spawn.